

**NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PROPOSED
CLOSURE OF SR 1820 (BECK ROAD), CROSSING #734 919L, NORFOLK
SOUTHERN RAILROAD MILEPOST #D 81.2, NEAR GORMAN COMMUNITY**

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Durham County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold the above Citizens Informational Workshop on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Administrative Building of the Durham Area Transit Authority (DATA) Operations Center, 1911 Fay Street, Durham, 27704.

Maps depicting the proposed project will be on display and NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal setting to answer questions and receive comments regarding the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will also be provided. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours. Please note: there will not be a formal presentation.

NCDOT proposes the closure of the SR 1820 (Beck Road) at-grade road / Norfolk Southern Railroad crossing #734 919L. The proposed closure of this at-grade rail crossing is part of an effort to reduce the number of redundant and / or unsafe rail-highway at-grade crossings statewide. The SR 1821 (Joyner Road) railroad crossing located approximately 0.1 miles southwest of the proposed closure serves as an alternate access to SR 1819 (Summerlin Road) and Interstate 85. The Joyner Road crossing will receive a crossing warning device upgrade. The crossing currently provides crossbucks; as a part of this project, signal and gates will be installed.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Mr. Brian Gackstetter, Rail Division, Engineering & Safety Branch, 1556 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, 27699-1556, phone (919) 715-2332, or email begackstetter@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Mr. Gackstetter as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.